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**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (for account of the concerned),  
on  
**WEDNESDAY,**  
the 14th November, 1917, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of  
Ice House Street,  
VALUABLE TEAKWOOD AND  
BLACKWOOD FURNITURE,  
TWIN BEDSTEADS, CURTAINS,  
CARPETS, PICTURES,  
etc., etc.  
As follows:—  
Upholstered Seats, Arm-chairs and  
Chesterfield Sofas, Card Tables, Bedroom  
Furniture, comprising Double and Single  
Brass and Brass-mounted Bedsteads and  
Twin Bedsteads, Sideboards, Dinner  
Waggon, Extension Dining Tables, and  
Chairs, Tea and Occasional Tables, etc.,  
Dinner Service, Crockery, Glass Ware,  
Cooking Stoves, Cutlery, Toilet Sets, etc.,  
Bath Room Utensils, Roll-top Desks and  
Writing Tables, Sundry Electro-Plated  
Ware, etc.  
Electric Reading Lamps, Blackwood  
and Teakwood Screens, Blackwood  
Furniture, including Large 4-Fold  
Blackwood Screen with 6-Coloured  
Panels, Side Tables, etc.  
Engravings, Pictures, Tennis Poles and  
Net, Iron Safe, Sheets, Towels, Single  
and Double Bed Sheets, Bed Quilts, etc.  
Also  
Brass Fenders, a few Fire Bricks, Old  
Bronze Vases inlaid with Gold and  
Silver, etc.  
PIANO by Collard & Collard,  
Shipmaster's, 3 Soehne,  
Stuttgart.  
W. Schonein & Co.,  
Berlin.  
(Full Particulars from Catalogue.)  
Terms—Cash.  
**HUGHES & HOUGH,**  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, Nov. 7, 1917. 2274

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Des Vaux Road, Corner of  
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A LARGE QUANTITY OF  
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,  
"all unpolished massive teak"  
and specially constructed to  
owners design.  
Terms—Cash.  
**HUGHES & HOUGH,**  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, Nov. 9, 1917. 2284

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on  
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the 16th November, 1917,  
at 10.45 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,  
Des Vaux Road, Corner of  
Ice House Street,  
SUNDRIES.  
Comprising:—  
Singlets, Caps, Umbrellas, Boots,  
Blankets, etc., etc.  
Also  
A number of pairs of Gent's Boots  
and Shoes.  
Terms—Cash.  
**HUGHES & HOUGH,**  
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Hongkong, Nov. 9, 1917. 2285

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**INTIMATIONS**  
**BRITISH GOVERNMENT**  
**WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES**

Applications may be made through the undersigned Banks from whom full information and the necessary forms may be obtained:—  
CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.  
HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.  
MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LTD.

**War Savings Certificates**  
Value 5 years after purchase  
2500 £  
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15s. 6d.  
**FREE OF INCOME TAX**  
For every 15s. 6d. lent now £1 will be paid in 5 years' time, equivalent to 5 per cent. compound interest. No income tax will be payable.  
Anyone, whatever his or her income may be, can buy War Savings Certificates up to a maximum of 500 £1 Certificates in all or their equivalent.  
Meanwhile the money may be withdrawn in full any time, with an addition after the first year.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**  
(1) A Certificate entitles the purchaser to receive £1 for each 15s. 6d. on the fifth anniversary of the date of purchase, free of income tax in respect of the accumulated interest.  
(2) A Certificate is not transferable except by permission of the Postmaster General; a fee of 1s. will be charged in respect of each transferee. In the event of death, the same rules will be applied as in the case of Savings Bank Deposits.  
(3) On written application (on a form obtainable at any Post Office) being made to the Controller, Money Order Department, London, the purchase price, or part thereof in multiples of 15s. 6d., will be repaid at any time, with an addition of 3d. for each 15s. 6d. on the first anniversary of the date of purchase and with a further addition of 1d. per 15s. 6d. for each month thereafter.  
(4) No person may hold more than 500 £1 Certificates or their equivalent.

The £1 Certificates (purchase price 15s. 6d.) are issued in book form. The Certificates for £12 (purchase price 23s. 8s.) and £25 (purchase price £18 7s. 6d.) are issued without books. The £1, £12, and £25 Certificates are on sale at local Post Offices and at most Banks.  
Single Certificates for sums from £100 to £500 may be obtained on application to the Comptroller and Accountant General, General Post Office, London.  
Application forms are available at all Post Offices and at most Banks.  
If Certificates be lost, and the serial numbers can be furnished to the Controller of the Money Order Department, new Certificates will be issued at charge of 1s.  
GENERAL POST OFFICE, LONDON, June, 1916.

(For examples of Investment in War Savings Certificates, see the other side.)  
**Examples of Investment in War Savings Certificates**

Value after	5 years	10 years	15 years	20 years	25 years	30 years	35 years	40 years	45 years	50 years
1 year	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
2 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
3 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
4 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
5 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
6 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
7 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
8 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
9 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
10 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
11 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
12 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
13 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
14 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
15 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
16 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
17 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
18 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
19 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
20 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
21 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
22 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
23 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
24 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
25 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
26 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
27 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
28 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
29 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
30 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
31 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
32 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
33 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
34 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
35 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
36 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
37 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
38 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
39 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
40 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
41 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
42 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
43 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
44 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
45 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
46 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
47 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
48 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
49 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
50 years	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500

**PHENIX RECORDS**  
(MADE IN ENGLAND)  
80 Cts. Net.  
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**THE ANDERSON MUSIC CO., LTD.**  
HONGKONG

**HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.**

Administrative Orders by Major H. A. Morgan, Administrative Commandant.

**STANDSTILL.**  
Private J. M. McLeod was enrolled on 3.11.17 and posted to "B" Company.  
Private S. Shrivington was enrolled on 3.11.17 and posted to "A" Company, No. 4 Platoon.  
Private G. R. Field was enrolled on 3.11.17 and posted to Machine Gun Co.  
Private J. A. Howe was enrolled on 5.11.17 and posted to "D" Company.  
Private G. Fowler was enrolled on 7.11.17 and posted to "A" Company, No. 4 Platoon.  
Private C. I. Stapleton joined the Corps on 8.11.17 and is posted to Machine Gun Company.  
Private H. J. Hunt joined the Corps on 8.11.17 and is posted to "A" Company, No. 4 Platoon.

**TRANSFERS.**  
Privates J. Brock and J. Mitchell, "B" Company, Sappers & W. Smith, A. Atkinson and J. Hansen, Engineer Company, are transferred to "D" Company, on recommendation of a Medical Board, dated 2nd November, 1917.  
The following are transferred from "B" Company to "A" Company, No. 4 Platoon, dated 8.11.17:—Private E. T. Jackson, Private E. Allen, A. Calvert, W. J. Gast, A. H. Hollingsworth, D. Jaffe, H. J. Knight, P. T. Lambie, C. H. Parkinson, F. A. Piesse, W. W. Robertson, C. Sars and J. W. White.  
**LEAVE.**  
Lieut. H. R. B. Hancock, "A" Company, is granted leave from 9.11.17 to 31.12.17.  
Pte. R. R. Flaydow, "A" Coy, is granted 1 month's leave, from 7.11.17 to 22.11.17.  
Pte. E. Fielder, "A" Coy, is granted 1 month's leave, from 22.11.17 to 29.12.17.  
Spr. J. W. Paton, Engineer Coy., is granted leave from 27.11.17 to 29.12.17.

**MUSKETRY PARADES.**  
N.C.O.s and men who have completed the Annual Musketry Course (General Course or the Transport Workers' Battalion Course) for this year need not attend Musketry parades ordered for their units, until further notice.  
**ANNUAL MUSKETRY COURSE.**  
The following is the result of Classification of a number of N.C.O.s and men of No. 7 Platoon, "B" Company:—  
Number exercised 14  
Marksmen Nil  
1st Class Shots 4  
2nd 9  
3rd 1  
The averages were:—  
Practices 13 14.3  
14 16.8  
15 9.6  
16 15.5  
17 11.2  
18 9.3  
19 2.6  
Company Average 79.3

**DRILL.**  
Caps will be worn instead of helmets on and after 15th instant, from which date belts will be worn in walking out dress. Officers will wear Sam Browne belts always from that date.  
**ALLOTMENT OF RIFLE RANGE.**  
King's Park Range is allotted to "A" Company, No. 2 Platoon on 15th instant, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Orders for Artillery Company by Captain J. H. W. Armstrong, V.D.

**PARADES.**  
**TUESDAY, 13th instant:—**  
7.30 a.m.—Right Half Company at Belchers Battery.  
5.30 p.m.—Left Half Company at Belchers Battery.  
**THURSDAY, 15th instant:—**  
5.30 p.m.—Left Half Company (Gun numbers other than specialists) at Belchers Battery.  
**FRIDAY, 16th instant:—**  
7.30 a.m.—Right Half Company (Range Takers' Class and Gun numbers as detailed) at Belchers Battery.  
5.30 p.m.—Right Half Company (Layers' and Sappers' Class only) at Belchers Battery.  
5.30 p.m.—Left Half Company (Layers' and Sappers' Class only) at Belchers Battery.

**Orders for Engineer Company by Captain W. Russell.**  
5th to 15th instant.  
Nightly E. L. Manning at Belchers and Lyemun as per Rosters posted at Headquarters.  
**OFFICERS NEXT FOR DUTY.**  
Pelchers, Captain Russell, O./C.D.E.L.  
Lyemun, 2nd Lieut. Hill.  
Concussions, 2nd Lieut. Marley.  
**PARADES FOR INSTRUCTION.**  
Classes for higher rating at Belchers at 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, under Staff Sergeants Overdine and Parsons, R.E. Corp. Day and 2nd Corporal Nurr, H.K.D.C.

**TRANSFERS.**  
The following are transferred to duty as from 9.11.17:—  
Sapper Jackson, from Belchers to Lyemun.  
Sapper Xavier, from Lyemun to Belchers.  
**Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan.**  
**PARADES.**  
"A" Company.  
**Tuesday, 13th inst.:**  
5.15 p.m.—No. 2 Platoon, Nos. 5 and 6 Sections, at Scandal Point. Musketry instruction. Dress, Drill order with pouches.  
5.15 p.m.—No. 4 Platoon, at Headquarters. Section drill. Dress, Drill order.  
**Wednesday, 14th inst.:**  
6.45 a.m.—Annual Musketry Course. Part 3. Practices 15 and 16, at Peak Range. The following will attend:—Ptes. E. R. de W. Abney, W. Schofield, N. E. Kent, H. E. Hayward, W. W. Mackintosh, E. A. M. W. Little and A. H. Hollingsworth.

4.45 p.m.—No. 1 Platoon, Nos. 1 and 2 Sections, at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 2. Practices 10 and 11. Dress, Drill order with pouches.  
Friday, 16th inst.:

4.45 p.m.—No. 1 Platoon, Nos. 1 and 2 Sections, at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 2. Practices 10 and 11. Dress, Drill order with pouches.  
5.15 p.m.—No. 2 Platoon, Nos. 7 and 8 Sections, at Scandal Point. Musketry instruction. Dress, Drill order with pouches.  
5.15 p.m.—No. 3 Platoon, at Headquarters. Musketry instruction. Dress, Drill order with pouches.  
Tuesday, 13th inst.:

6.45 a.m.—Annual Musketry Course, Part 3. Practices 15 and 16, at Peak Range. The following will attend:—Ptes. G. F. Nightingale, A. G. Coplin, R. McGregor, W. L. Leask, D. McMurray, J. Findlay Miller, A. S. Gubbay, and N. J. Stabb.  
6.45 a.m.—No. 8 Platoon, at Kowloon Docks. Musketry instruction. Dress, Drill order with pouches. Hongkong residents proceed by launch from Statue Wharf at 4.30 p.m.  
Wednesday, 14th inst.:

5.15 p.m.—No. 6 Platoon, at Scandal Point. Musketry instruction. Dress, Drill order with pouches.  
Friday, 16th inst.:

6.45 a.m.—Annual Musketry Course, Part 3. Practices 15 and 16, at Peak Range. The following will attend:—Ptes. W. R. Roberts, D. McMurray, W. Sinclair, G. Hogg, J. F. Miller, A. S. Gubbay, N. J. Stabb, A. Ritchie, G. T. Edkins and G. E. Wetton.  
**MACHINE GUN COMPANY.**  
Dress for all parades, except Musketry on 13.11.17, Clean fatigue.

**SHANGHAI TRADE.**  
Messrs. Thibert and Co's Pico Goods Market Report says:—  
Business presents no new features of interest except in the Yarn section which has benefited by a welcome demand from Szechuen for the usual high counts of which possibly about three to four thousand bales have been purchased. The Szechuen merchants here are reported to have a substantial sum of money available for employment over and above what has been absorbed by the re-stocking of new yarn coming to hand from that province as to political conditions would probably lead to investments in piece goods, of which there must be a severe shortage there by this time.  
Our other dependencies are putting forward practically no business beyond a few scattered purchases of trifling quantities to which they are restricted by the lack of facilities from the native banks, who are only issuing credits on the most cautious lines. The dollars in trade is reduced in fact prices which are not so low as at the auctions, this week notwithstanding the wide disparity between prices ruling here and in Shanghai.  
Trade is further hampered by the violent movements in the London price of silver, an unbroken decline has been followed by a monthly decline, followed by a further advance of 22 1/2 cents, which has caused all speculations as to the future course of exchange to be thrown into confusion and uncertainty.

Friday, 16th inst.:

Another of C. & B.'s Delicacies  
**C. & B. OXFORD SAUSAGES**  
**UNEXCELLED.**  
Crosse & Blackwell guarantee these and all their other table delicacies to be produced under ideal conditions of cleanliness.  
AGENTS FOR LEA & PERKINS WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE

**Dr. J. Collis Browne's Chlorodyne**  
THE ORIGINAL AND ONLY GENUINE.  
**DIARRHŒA, and is the only SPECIFIC in CHOLERA and DYSENTERY.**  
Chlorodyne is a liquid taken in drops, graduated according to the malady. It invariably relieves pain of whatever kind, creates a calm refreshing sleep; allays irritation of the nervous system which all other remedies fail; leaves no bad effects; and can be taken when no other medicine can be tolerated.  
**CONVINCING MEDICAL TESTIMONY WITH EACH BOTTLE**  
New Genuine without Dose. Dr. J. Collis Browne's Chlorodyne on the Stomach.  
Sole by all Chemists. Prices in England: 1/11, 2/9, 4/6.  
Sole Manufacturers: J. T. DAVENPORT, Ltd., London, S.E.

**DETAILS.**  
On duty 9th inst.: Mounted Section.  
On duty 10th and 11th inst.: Machine Gun Company.  
On duty from 12th to 19th inst. inclusive: "A" Company.  
On duty from 20th to 24th inst. inclusive: "B" Company.  
On duty from 11th to 17th inst.: 2nd Lieut. F. H. Thomas.  
On duty from 18th to 24th inst.: 2nd Lieut. R. Sutherland.  
For Guard duties, the Signalling Section will be attached as follows in future:—Right Half Section to "A" Company, No. 3 Platoon; Left Half Section to "B" Company.  
**CABOT COMPANY.**  
The Administrative Commandant is pleased to make the following promotions:—  
Lieut. Corpl. Gerard to be Corpl. and 2nd in Command of No. 8 Section.  
Cadet Duncan to be Corpl. and 2nd in Command of No. 1 Section.  
Cadet Hyde to be Lieut. Corpl.  
All dated 2nd November, 1917.  
**NOTICES.**  
A meeting of members of "B" Company will be held at Headquarters on Tuesday, 13th instant, at 6.30 p.m., to select a representative from each Platoon to serve on the Corps Shooting Committee and to arrange for Company Shooting competitions. All interested in shooting are requested to attend.  
A meeting of members of the Machine Gun Company will be held at Headquarters on Wednesday, 14th instant, at 6.30 p.m., to select a representative to serve on the Corps Shooting Committee and to discuss such other matters as may be brought forward. All interested in rifle shooting are requested to attend.  
A Practice for places in the Corps team will take place at King's Park Range at 2.15 p.m. on Sunday, the 11th instant. Ammunition may be purchased at Headquarters. Members wishing to shoot are requested to inform the Secretary, Private A. Jenkins, c/o Vacuum Oil Co., King's Building.

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**SILIMPON (SEBATTIE) COAL.**  
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the COWRIE HARBOUR COAL CO., LTD., are prepared to quote prices for best quality SILIMPON COAL, trimmed into Bunkers at SEBATTIE or SANDAKAN (British North Borneo).  
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## To-day's Advertisements

### HONGKONG CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB.

THE OPENING CRUISE will be held on SUNDAY the 18th November. Particulars will be posted to members in due course.

By Order,

ALEX. W. VAN ANDEL,  
Hon. Secretary,  
Hongkong, Nov. 10, 1917. 2256

### ST. ANDREW'S FAIR.

MISS ANTON, East Point, will be pleased if all the Scotch women of the Colony will let her know what they are willing to contribute to the Heather Dry Stall.

Scotch delicacies and fancy articles of every description will be welcomed.  
Hongkong, Nov. 10, 1917. 2257

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (on account of the executor),

### FRIDAY.

the 16th November, 1917, at 10.45 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street—

MISCELLANEOUS GOODS, comprising—  
Blankets, Counterpanes, Sheets, &c., Dress Materials, including Blue and White Serge, good quality, Prints, Holland, White Linen, Long Cloth, Drill, Flannel, Flannelette, &c., Handkerchiefs, Gent's Silk Socks, Boys' Suits, Towels, Toilet Soap, Perfumery, White Lace Curtains, &c.,

Singlets, Umbrellas, Blankets, &c., &c.  
A number of pairs of Gent's Boots and Shoes, comprising Black and Tan, Pumps and Shoes, White Kid Rubber Sled Shoes, Dress Shoes, &c.  
Terms:—Cash.  
HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers,  
Hongkong, Nov. 10, 1917. 2258

### THE CALENDAR.

MEMO FOR TO-MORROW.  
King of Italy's birthday (1859).

MEMO FOR MONDAY.  
General Holiday.

### General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, Nov. 13.—  
3 p.m.—Sale of Crown Land at P.W.D.  
FRIDAY, Nov. 14.—  
10.30 a.m.—Auction of Silk Shawls and Counterpanes at Mr. Geo. P. Lummer's Sales Rooms.  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, Messrs. Hughes and Houghs.  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture, Pictures, Fanoes etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Houghs.  
8 p.m.—Variety Concert by the "Maple Pierrot Troupe" in the R.E. Theatre, Wellington Park.  
SATURDAY, Nov. 15.—  
10.45 a.m.—Auction of Sundries (Caps, Boots, Blankets etc.) at Messrs. Hughes and Houghs.  
WEDNESDAY, Nov. 21.—  
11 a.m.—Auction of Electrical Goods at Mr. Geo. P. Lummer's Sales Rooms.  
FRIDAY, Nov. 30.—  
WEATHER DAY.

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Orders may be placed with the  
CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

important part of foreign policy, and that consequently the Controlling Department can only be the Department in general charge of foreign affairs; (c) That for this purpose a well-organised Commercial Branch must be added to the existing Foreign Office, working in the closest possible co-operation with the Political Branch; (d) That men serving in the various posts abroad must receive position and pay of a sufficiently high level to ensure the best possible talent being attracted to the Service in sufficient quantity. The arguments put forward by the Federation of British Industries in favour of the concentration of control in a single department and that this Controlling Department should be the Foreign Office, appear strong and convincing. Industrial and commercial interests, they urge, are the most vital factor in the relations between modern States, and the primary cause of the existence of such relations; consequently the successful conduct of foreign policy in all its branches depends upon a due realization both in theory and practice of the close inter-dependence and inter-action of political and economic motives. Such a realization, the Federation contends, can never be attained by men who are not accustomed to deal with both political and commercial questions as part of their ordinary duties, and any system which deprives the Department and Service charged with the conduct of foreign affairs of full opportunities of gaining knowledge and experience of industrial and commercial questions will inevitably lead, as it has led in the past, not only to a failure to allow due consideration and importance to these questions, but also to serious errors of proportion and consistency in the general foreign policy of the country. The question is one in which the British Chambers of Commerce in Foreign Countries should be interested and one on which they are entitled to express an opinion before the final decision is taken.

## THE GOVERNOR'S HOLIDAY.

### DEPARTURE THIS MORNING.

H.E. The Governor left the Colony to-day for a short holiday in the North. His Excellency, we understand, will meet Lady May in Japan next month, on her return from Canada, and will return to the Colony with her.

A Government Gazette Extraordinary issued this afternoon announces the departure of His Excellency and notifies that the prescribed Oaths of Office were to-day administered by His Honour the Chief Justice, in the presence of the Executive Council, to the Honourable Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary of the Colony, and that the Honourable Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., thereupon assumed the Administration of the Government in virtue of His Majesty's Commission given at the Court at St. James's on the fourteenth day of October, 1903.

## HONGKONG FERRIES.

### NEW-LEGISLATION.

A draft of a Bill to regulate ferries in the harbour is published in to-day's Gazette. The Hon. Attorney General explains that the object of the bill is to take power to regulate the ferries of the Colony, other than the present service of the Star Ferry Company Limited. The main object is not revenue, but the interests of the travelling public. It is intended at present to deal only with the ferries between Victoria and Yau-mai, Mong Kok Tsui and Sham Shui Po.

Proposed Regulations are published with the Bill. Licences are to be granted for 15 years, but no licence will be granted unless it has been put up to public tender. The notice inviting tenders will specify the number, dimensions and designs of the ferry vessels to be used.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

His Excellency Sir Henry May was a passenger by the *Nippon Maru* which left this morning. [Mr. H. J. Gedge was also a passenger.]

Mr. J. Ross Young, who left Shanghai about twelve months ago to join His Majesty's forces in Mesopotamia, has been promoted to Captain, R.E. 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Brent, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, reached Shanghai last week from home and proceeded to Tsingtau. They had a quite unadventurous voyage over the Atlantic which only took nine days.

The engagement is announced (says the Bangkok Times) of Mr. J. C. Roberts, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Bangkok, and Miss Whiting, daughter of Colonel R. C. Whiting, of the Siamese Gendarmerie, and Mrs. Whiting.

Acting Flight-Commander Ronald Graham, D.S.C., R.N., son of Mr. W. Graham, of Yokohama, has been awarded the French War Cross. Acting Flight-Commander Graham, who recently got his promotion from Flight-Lieutenant, received the Distinguished Service Cross for good work in beating off enemy airmen while escorting British transports across the Channel, and later received a bar to the same medal.

The marriage took place at Shanghai last week of Mr. A. H. Hutchison, who recently returned to Shanghai on furlough after service on the Rumanian front, to Miss M. M. Macdonald, daughter of Mr. D. Macdonald, of Stornoway, Scotland. The bride, who wore a pretty dress of plain white silk, and wedding veil surmounted by a wreath of orange blossoms, was given away by Mr. D. C. Hutchison, and was attended by Miss Howell as bridesmaid, who was prettily gowned in a dress of blue silk. Mr. E. F. Bothwell fulfilled the duties of best man.

Mr. Everett, U.S. Postal Agent in Shanghai, has received a communication from the U.S. Postmaster General at Washington, increasing postal dues to the United States as from November 2, 1917. In the case of letters the rate has been raised from 2 cents to 3 cents and postal cards will now be charged at a rate of two cents.

A savage attack was made upon Mrs. E. A. Limby, of 128 Bubbling Well Road, Shanghai, by an unknown Chinese on the early hours of Thursday morning. Mrs. Limby, rising early, entered her dining room, carrying a tea tray, and upon turning on the light was immediately attacked by the Chinese, (who had secured a knife from the kitchen), and received several wounds before assistance arrived. The assailant making good his escape. Mrs. Limby was taken to the hospital and is reported to be going on favourably. No arrests as yet have been reported.

An important meeting of the committee for the study of Chinese money was just over. The committee is to meet again to discuss the following foreign experts:—Mr. Y. K. Yen, Mr. H. M. M. C. D. Jamieson, Mr. D. R. Roberts, Mr. Bonfield, Mr. Holmberg, and various Japanese and Chinese experts appointed by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. It is to be hoped that the committee will not spend the time.

## THE MAGISTRACY.

### UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A REVOLVER.

An old Chinese was charged before Mr. Dyer Ball this morning with the unlawful possession of a Colt revolver without a licence.

Defendant pleaded guilty. Inspector Brail stated that the defendant was arrested by an Indian watchman on board the s.s. Tai Lee yesterday. When charged at the Police Station defendant stated that he picked up an overcoat and the revolver was found in one of the pockets.

After hearing the evidence, His Worship imposed on defendant a fine of \$50 with the alternative of one month's hard labour.

### ALLEGED THEFT OF HEMP BAGS.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. Wood this morning with the larceny of 17 hemp bags from a godown in Shaukiwan Road.

Inspector Sim stated that yesterday the coolies who were employed at the godown found the door broken open when they went to work that morning. One of them went to the Bay View Police Station to make a report and another made his way to the race course where he saw the defendant attempting to sell the bags to a marine hawk. The coolie followed defendant till he reached No. 2 Police Station and had him arrested there.

Defendant pleaded not guilty. He stated he bought the bags from a coolie, and paid \$1.60 for the lot.

After hearing the evidence, His Worship convicted on the charge of unlawful possession and sentenced defendant to 14 days.

### ALLEGED LARCENY FROM KOWLOON GODOWNS.

A coolie was charged before Mr. Wood this morning with the larceny of a block of pig iron valued at \$6 from the Kowloon Godowns.

Inspector Gordon stated that the defendant was arrested yesterday in Canton Road carrying the block of iron on his shoulders. When brought to the Police Station defendant admitted the theft, and said he picked up the iron from a heap in the godown. Inspector Gordon said he was of the opinion that the man was daft, and asked His Worship to remand him under medical supervision.

His Worship adjourned the case to next Wednesday.

### LARCENY FROM TAIKOO DOCKS.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. Wood this morning with the larceny of a quantity of brass from the Taikoo Docks. It was stated that the defendant was arrested as he was coming out of the Docks, and some of the brass was found in his pockets and some in his boots.

Defendant pleaded guilty, and sentence of one month's hard labour was imposed.

### THEFT FROM A SHIP.

The Chinese youth who was charged before Mr. Wood yesterday with the larceny of a brass nozzle from the Pacific Mail s.s. *Venezuela*, was this morning sentenced by the Magistrate to three months' hard labour.

## TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegrams quoted below were received by the American Consulate General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory:—

Nov. 9, 5 p.m.—  
Cyclone or typhoon E. of Visayas Islands, direction unknown.

Nov. 9, 9 p.m.—  
Warning. The typhoon is crossing the Visayas Islands in the form of a shallow depression.

A romance of the war—a real "story" romance featuring the Red Cross nurse and the wounded soldier—ended in marriage at Yokohama lately. It began on the battlefield of Russia. About a year ago Kurupa Petrosan, an Armenian, was fighting with the Russians when he was severely wounded in the left arm. Removed to a hospital behind the lines, he was nursed back to health by Miss Valentina Borovitsky, a Russian girl, who, wishing to serve her country, had become a Red Cross nurse. When Petrosan recovered, he came to Yokohama, but he still wrote letters to the Red Cross girl. And the girl arrived in Yokohama a few days ago, and the couple were married.

The evidence of the marriage was given by G. E. Dyer, 222-Buff. They plan to leave soon for America, where they will offer their services to the Red Cross.

## HONGKONG & SOUTH CHINA WAR SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.

### LIST.

Members whose official numbers are given below subscribed the following amounts to the Association. The moneys have all been invested in Straits War Loan at 6 per cent.—

\$2,000.—No. 814.  
2,000.—Nos. 237, 237.  
1,700.—No. 812.  
1,500.—No. 808.  
1,470.—No. 814.  
1,000.—Nos. 437, 437, 800, 231, 808.  
850.—No. 572.  
750.—No. 638.  
700.—No. 387.  
670.—No. 754.  
600.—No. 726.  
500.—Nos. 555, 560, 257, 1, 317, 591, 727, 730, 607, 715, 238, 233, 773.  
475.—No. 452.  
450.—No. 600.  
400.—Nos. 553, 454, 726, 825.  
320.—No. 184.  
300.—Nos. 389, 300, 775, 812, 414, 433.  
275.—No. 417.  
250.—Nos. 734, 723, 735, 809, 834, 201, 470, 508, 782, 20, 802.  
230.—No. 81.  
200.—Nos. 791, 208, 824, 27, 784, 571, 815, 39, 35, 888, 687, 682, 674, 754, 29, 357, 896, 553, 817, 750.  
180.—No. 492.  
175.—No. 700.  
170.—No. 509.  
160.—No. 871.  
150.—No. 728.  
110.—No. 806.  
135.—No. 93.  
130.—Nos. 218, 95, 312.  
125.—No. 82.  
120.—Nos. 300, 725.  
110.—No. 145.  
100.—Nos. 556, 378, 602, 245, 610, 805, 611, 410, 607, 19, 254, 205, 32, 787, 118, 136, 274, 108, 74, 206, 816, 548, 137, 580, 701, 701, 80, 729, 232, 272, 318, 710, 757, 42, 44, 224, 397.  
80.—Nos. 115, 89, 680, 444.  
75.—Nos. 102, 103, 104, 110, 122, 144, 801, 300.  
70.—Nos. 813, 124, 549.  
60.—Nos. 405, 419, 107, 77, 481.  
50.—Nos. 60, 48, 232, 339, 254, 62, 20, 482, 105, 108, 117, 119, 788, 129, 135, 136, 137, 277, 278, 141, 140, 799, 471, 472, 788, 304, 600, 490, 749, 750, 797, 814, 186, 600, 681, 799, 480, 512, 535, 628, 209, 319, 707, 707, 831.  
40.—Nos. 19, 143, 990, 260, 165.  
35.—Nos. 552, 773, 139.  
30.—Nos. 270, 961, 13, 236, 636, 240, 110, 124, 131, 75, 79, 740, 389, 467, 712, 517, 255.  
25.—Nos. 255, 733, 635, 106, 111, 119, 675, 128, 130, 134, 138, 142, 145, 279, 71, 731, 67, 46, 212, 218, 728, 80, 287, 12, 120, 177.  
20.—Nos. 170, 171, 779, 728, 62, 649, 123, 147, 72, 76, 78, 270, 271, 493, 63, 480, 303, 68, 305, 879, 506, 34, 231, 711, 150.  
15.—Nos. 351, 114, 132, 140, 704, 705, 154, 156, 67.  
10.—Nos. 299, 352, 716, 70, 228, 353, 879, 485, 121, 474, 130, 8, 954, 484, 55, 58, 497, 180, 421, 331, 469, 741, 501, 209, 406, 409, 510, 620, 717, 718, 81, 186, 193.  
5.—Nos. 83, 647, 808, 595, 594, 307, 737, 60, 123, 148, 11, 700, 500, 601, 153, 150, 157, 6, 18, 57, 61, 161, 162, 163, 164, 169, 172, 217, 218, 289, 284, 409, 507, 780, 548, 687, 688, 689, 189, 706.  
Total amount received \$49,715.  
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3rd List ..... 62,075  
4th List ..... 210,303  
5th List ..... 125,880  
6th List ..... 82,125  
7th List ..... 61,890  
8th List ..... 68,335  
9th List ..... 110,595  
10th List ..... 140,345  
Total amount received \$658,436.

In addition to the above the following moneys have been subscribed to the Association, which have all been invested in Straits War Loan at 6 per cent.—

No. 2 ..... \$377.70 Straits Currency.  
" 3 ..... 178.06  
" 18 ..... 12.50  
" 20 ..... 150.00  
" 30 ..... 2,644.01  
" 62 ..... 80.00  
" 73 ..... 80.00  
" 80 ..... 55.00  
" 203 ..... 800.00  
" 295 ..... 80.00  
" 298 ..... 80.00  
" 317 ..... 40.00  
" 344 ..... 60.00  
" 379 ..... 4.00  
" 457 ..... 310.00  
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## THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN JAPAN AND AMERICA.

### JAPAN'S SPECIAL INTERESTS.

The American Consul General is in receipt of a cablegram indicating that notes have been exchanged between Secretary of State Lansing and Viscount Ishii, Special Ambassador to the United States, under date of November 2nd, which were formally communicated to the Chinese Foreign Office yesterday, and in which an important statement of policy is indicated. The notes state that the American and Japanese governments "recognize that territorial propinquity creates special relations between countries and consequently the government of the United States recognizes that Japan has special interests in China particularly in the part to which her possessions are contiguous." The territorial sovereignty of China is to remain unimpaired and the parties to the exchange of notes reaffirm the open door principle and declare themselves "opposed to the acquisition by any government of any special rights or privileges that would affect the independence or territorial integrity of China or that would deny to the subjects or citizens of any country the full enjoyment of equal opportunity in the commerce and industry of China."

The American government declares its confidence in the Japanese government's intention not to discriminate against trade or disregard treaty rights of other powers.

ALBERT MEDAL FOR RESCUING A CHINAMAN.

Amongst awards of the Albert Medal are the following:—Mr. Edgar Geddie, master, and Mr. William Francis Gordon, master, chief officer of the s.s. *Byron*, (formerly s.s. *Admiral*), temporarily employed as commodore's secretary. On January 28 last a series of fires and explosions occurred at Eschschia, a port of Archangel. When Captain Geddie arrived on the scene his ship was burning fiercely. He climbed on board and found a Chinese sailor in a very bad condition. With the assistance of Mr. Gordon, the ship's mate, he was rescued and taken to the hospital. For his services in this rescue, Captain Geddie and Mr. Gordon were awarded the Albert Medal.

EARLY COOLS.

DEARLY of the cold was taken at this time of the year. They are particularly dangerous. A neglected cold may mean a winter of cold. Take early action. Remedy at once. By all means, all Glands and Stomach.



# TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

## THE INVASION OF ITALY.

### THE "SERENE CONFIDENCE" OF THE ITALIAN TROOPS.

Rome, Nov. 8. Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Painlevé and the other Allied Ministers and Generals went to the Front and conferred with the King of Italy for two hours on measures with a view to Allied co-operation.

The party afterwards visited the British and French troops, going to the front.

A semi-official Note says that the British and French Ministers and Generals are fully to appreciate the high spirit of the Italian troops who are marching with serene confidence to meet the invader.

### ENEMY "PAYING THE PRICE" OF ADVANCE.

London, Nov. 9. Reuter's Correspondent at Italian Headquarters, telegraphing yesterday evening, states:—

The troops, though still retreating, are showing a more keen fighting spirit and are more strongly resisting the enemy's advance, although the plains where the armies are now fighting offer no natural assistance to the defenders, except the hills in the province of Treviso, from where the Italians are raining shells on the enemy, making him pay a very high price for his advance.

### GERMAN ADVANCE TOWARDS PIAVE.

London, Nov. 9. A German official message states:—We crossed the Livina and continue to overcome the resistance of the Italian rearguards and are advancing on the mountain roads and the plain, in snow and rain, towards Piave.

### ITALIANS BLOW UP BRIDGES ON THE LIVINA.

London, Nov. 9. Reuter's Correspondent at Italian Headquarters, telegraphing yesterday, states that a dozen bridges over the Livina River have been blown up by the Italians, in order to delay the enemy's advance.

Meanwhile, the retreat has greatly shortened the fighting line, which is scarcely 30 miles in length. This favours the concentration for defence.

### ITALIAN OFFICIAL REPORT.

London, Nov. 9. An Italian official message states:—Our troops continue to arrive and to establish themselves in the positions chosen for the resistance.

Our rearguards are still holding up the enemy.

### ENEMY'S DIFFICULTIES INCREASING.

London, Nov. 9. Reuter's Correspondent at Italian Headquarters states that the Austro-Germans' difficulties in transport are increasing owing to the lengthening of their communications and the Italians destroying railways, bridges, roads and the water supply.

The Italians are doing their utmost to reconstitute their forces and to mass their artillery in order to form a barrier.

The issue of the crisis depends on whether the Austro-Germans have sufficient forces to continue their advance at the present rate or whether the long-drawn pursuit is so thinning their lines that the Italians may be able to stop and roll them back.

The arrival of the fresh, gay and confident Allied troops has already had an admirable effect and the Italian Staff is ready to make any sacrifice to save the situation.

### THE BALKAN ZONE.

London, November 9. A German official message states:—The English advanced on the Struma Plain but 2 powerful Bulgarian counter-thrust threw them back.

### A BRITISH AIR COUNCIL.

London, November 9. A Bill has been introduced in the House of Commons providing for the establishment of an "Air Force" and an Air Council, which will be the successor of the War Office.

## THE PALESTINE VICTORY.

### TURKS IN FULL RETREAT.

London, Nov. 9. An official despatch from Egypt states:—

The whole Turkish Army is retreating to the north, bombed by British aeroplanes.

The enemy, upon our right, is retreating on Hebron. We hampered his retreat, capturing some prisoners and transport.

Our mounted troops, advancing through Jomaneh and Huj, which are thirteen and nine miles, respectively, to the east of Gaza, have reached the south bank of the Wadi Hesi, which is twelve miles to the north of the old Turkish Front, and have thus established contact with our forces advancing from Gaza.

The latter forces captured the north bank of the mouth of the Wadi Hesi and Herbieh, reaching the railway and turning the enemy's prepared position on this wadi.

We have also captured the Turkish coastal railroad at Beitthann, and are pursuing the enemy in the direction of the Wadi Hesi.

We have captured over 40 guns. The British Navy, assisted by the French Navy, actively co-operated throughout, bombing the enemy's communications near the coast and affording other valuable assistance.

### THE KING'S CONGRATULATIONS.

London, Nov. 9. It is officially announced that the King has telegraphed to General Allenby as follows:—

"I heartily congratulate you and your troops on the successful results of your valiantly conceived plans which have been crowned by the capture of Gaza. I admire the tenacity and endurance of all ranks."

### VICTORY DUE TO STRATEGY.

London, Nov. 9. Reuter's Correspondent at the Egyptian Headquarters says in a message:—

The Turks destroyed some ammunition dumps but our booty is great in this operation, which has resulted in a great victory, due largely to the strategy of General Allenby who outflanked the Turks on the left and right, thus annulling all the advantages of their positions.

General Allenby's efforts were nobly seconded by the self-sacrificed courage and resistance of all ranks, who endured every hardship cheerfully, and defeated the enemy in every encounter.

The troops are now busily pursuing the Turks whose lines of retreat are being heavily shelled by the naval guns.

Yesterday's operations consisted of a feint against the Turkish rear followed by a heavy flank attack upon their main defences on the left, which fell successively, before the irresistible onslaught of the London Regiments, and the Irish.

One of the features of yesterday's fighting was the remarkable stand fighting was the remarkable stand of the Welsh troops and home counties to get round our right.

The sound of heavy guns is still audible, indicating that the Turks are still receiving severe punishment.

### THE WESTERN FRONT.

#### GERMAN ATTACKS REPULSED ON FRENCH FRONT.

London, Nov. 9. A French communiqué states:—After a violent bombardment, the Germans attacked at Chaume Wood and also in the region of Arracourt, in Lorraine. The enemy was repulsed with serious losses and we took some prisoners.

A detachment raided the German trenches to the north-west of Briel, in the region of Seppois, in upper Alsace, and explored the position, destroyed dugouts and brought back war material, without loss.

#### A SUCCESSFUL RAID.

London, Nov. 9. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

We carried out a successful raid last night to the east of Hargicourt.

#### GERMAN REPORT.

London, Nov. 9. A German official message states:—There has been considerable artillery activity on the Yser, at Poperinghe and at Passchendaele.

#### BELGIEN SPY IN LONDON.

#### SENTENCED TO DEATH.

It is officially announced that a Belgian has been court-martialled in London on a charge of coming to England for the purpose of espionage.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

### EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENTS IN PALESTINE.

#### FURTHER OBJECTIVES GAINED.

London, Nov. 9. Reuter's Correspondent at Egyptian Headquarters, telegraphing on November 6, states:—

Our achievements have, again, been excellent. Today we attacked the enemy positions, at dawn, to the north and north-west of Beersheba, attaining all our objectives, with a goodly bag of prisoners, guns and war material.

Our new positions threaten part of the Turkish line and will probably compel him to evacuate this sector. The fighting still continues and today's offensive took place on a front of 20 miles.

Owing to the capture of Beersheba, we were able to outflank the main Turkish line extending from Gaza to Beersheba, and consisting of four elaborately organised systems with connecting trenches and scattered redoubts.

The Beersheba system, which was the most isolated, fell into our hands, thanks to brilliant strategy coupled with the sudden onslaught which turned the enemy's position, by cutting off supplies along the Hebron Road and threatening the Jerusalem-Beersheba railway, which apparently disturbed the whole of the enemy's defensive plans as he was suddenly to meet the menace from the east when all his principal defences faced the south-west.

The unavoidable delay was due to our advancing across long tracks of sandy waste which enabled the enemy to dig trenches across the line of our advance.

But the mixed elements of regiments and divisions which were thrown against these positions bore evidence of the confusion in which the enemy's organisation was involved. Instead of meeting with a frontal attack, upon which he had apparently counted, he found General Allenby's forces threatening to enclose him within a pair of claws that were ever gripping more tightly.

The execution of General Allenby's plans entailed tremendous physical strain among all ranks, but their excellent fitness has been proof against every call.

The Welsh and Home Counties troops opened this fighting, this morning, on the right flank of our attack. They rushed the Kufufeish ridge, ten miles to the north-east of Beersheba, in a furious onslaught, after marching the greater part of the night, practically annihilating one battalion and capturing numerous prisoners, and a few guns.

The Turks, apprehending this move, had concentrated in some strength and counter-attacked vigorously, recovering a little of the lost ground, but our men, steady as rocks, beat off the enemy efforts most successfully.

White mounted Yeomanry attacked the trenches covering the station and bridge at Sherria and by midday we had mastered the whole line in this sector. By the evening we had advanced over the intervening three miles and had occupied the place itself.

Four guns were captured. On the left flank Yeomanry, men of the London Regiment and some Irish troops attacked the Kawukh system which was one of the main features of the Turkish line. It was a veritable labyrinth of trenches, with extensive wiring but the enemy was so completely deceived by our tactics and so completely overpowered by the sheer force of our attack that he succumbed to our dashing assault.

Throughout the operations the weather was most unfavourable, due to a heat wave—a most unusual thing in November.

The men are described as going into action with their tongues hanging out, like a pack of hounds.

Yesterday the New Zealanders had a sharp brush with the enemy, who attacked with fixed bayonets, but were driven off by our machine guns, the enemy losing 300 casualties.

### THE OPERATIONS IN PALESTINE.

London, Nov. 8.

An official despatch from Egypt states:—We assaulted and captured, on Tuesday night, the lightly held works to the south of Gaza and continued to advance, upon the right, to Almunat, dominating Gaza, to the south-east. On the left, we advanced to the Sheikh Redwan fortifications, a mile to the north of the town and pushed through the town during the day, reaching the mouth of the Wadi Hesi, eight miles to the north of our original line.

Our Sheria forces also successfully continued to advance, to the north-west.

The Turks still occupy some trenches to the east of Gaza, but there are indications of a general retirement to the north.

Our aeroplanes inflicted losses on the retreating Turks and also on concentrations at the rail heads.

The capture of prisoners and guns was considerable, on the whole front.

### STUDENTS WILL CAPTURE.

It is impossible to prevent an accident but it is not impossible to prevent a crime. Chamberlain's Plan for the capture of the German Emperor is a crime and it is not possible to prevent it.

by all Chambers and Stokers.

## ENEMY IN RETREAT.

London, Nov. 9. Reuter's Correspondent at Egyptian Headquarters, telegraphing on November 7th, states that Gaza is ours, and the enemy is in full retreat all along the line. Large quantities of war material and guns have fallen into our hands.

The Turks began to weaken last night after successful operations against their right by the London Regiments and the Irish dismounted Yeomanry, supported by the Anzac Cavalry and the Yeomanry Camel Corps and the East Anglians, who attacked the west of Gaza sector last night, at half past eleven, while the West Country and Indian troops advanced on the south-eastern defences.

### GOVERNMENT'S SYMPATHY WITH ZIONIST'S ASPIRATIONS.

London, Nov. 8. Mr. Balfour has communicated to Baron Rothschild, on behalf of the Government, an important declaration of sympathy with the Zionist aspirations, which states that the Government views favourably the establishment in Palestine of a National Home for the Jewish people and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being understood that nothing will be done to prejudice the civil and religious rights of Jews of any other country. The *British Chronicle* hails this declaration as marking a new epoch for the Jewish race.

### FURTHER SUCCESSES IN MESOPOTAMIA.

#### TEKRIT OCCUPIED.

London, Nov. 8.

An official message from Mesopotamia says:—Descending the Tigris on November 5th, our troops, with great gallantry, crossed twelve hundred yards, of open country and attacked a strongly entrenched position covering Tekrit.

Indian, Sikh and Rifle regiments captured the first two lines of trenches, inflicting heavy casualties.

We repulsed a counter-attack. Our cavalry attacked the enemy's right flank and artillery shelled the Turkish communications.

To the north we carried further trenches, and in the afternoon British and Indian cavalry charged over the trenches and cut down a number of retreating Turks.

The enemy, fleeing at night, burned some stores and blew up three dumps. We occupied Tekrit on Tuesday.

We took 132 prisoners and much material.

### THE SITUATION IN PETROGRAD.

#### A PROCLAMATION BY THE W. AND S. DELEGATES' COUNCIL.

London, Nov. 8. A statement issued by the Petrograd Telegraph Agency announces that a Congress of the all Russia Council of Workmen and Soldiers' Delegates has distributed proclamations to the Provincial Councils of Workmen and Soldiers' Delegates, delegating power to the members of the Soviet, relieving the Government Commissaries of their duties; ordering the release of the arrested members of Agricultural Committees and the arrest of the Commissaries who ordered their arrest; abolishing the death penalty and re-establishing the freedom of political propaganda at the Front; ordering the release of revolutionary officers and soldiers who were arrested for alleged political crimes; and ordering the arrest of the ex-Ministers, M. Konovoltov, M. Kiechkin, M. Terestchenko, M. Malanovitch, M. Nikitin and others.

It is announced that M. Kerensky has escaped, and the military have been enjoined to arrest him. All in complicity with M. Kerensky will be treated as high treason.

### NO BLOODSHED.

Petrograd, Nov. 9. Reuter's Correspondent, telegraphing on November 7, states:—At present there has been no bloodshed, only a few minor street collisions.

The situation is obscure. Four hundred and eighty-five delegates arrived for the conference of the all Russia Council of Workmen and Soldiers' Delegates, 335 of which were Maximilians.

The Baltic and Black Sea Fleets' Delegates have declared in favour of the "Soviet" being given to the Soldiers and Workmen's Delegates.

Three Cosack regiments now in Petrograd, have informed M. Kerensky that they are prepared to support the Government, provided there is no compromising.

### MAXIMALISTS OCCUPY WINTER PALACE.

Petrograd, Nov. 9.

Reuter states that the Maximalists have occupied the Winter Palace and also the premises of the General Staff. The former was defended by a woman's battalion of cadets, who surrendered after some gun shots from the cruiser *Amura* and the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul on the opposite bank of the Neva, and also fire from machine-guns, armoured cars and Red Guards.

ARTILLERY ACTIONS ON FRENCH FRONT.

London, Nov. 9. A French communiqué states:—There were lively artillery actions on the whole front north of the Somme, the enemy being driven back in several places.

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## THE BRITISH FRONT.

### AIRIATION ACTIVITIES.

London, Nov. 9. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports that low flying machines, on Wednesday, fired many rounds on troops and transports and dropped a number of bombs on trenches and billets.

Three tons of bombs were dropped at night, on aerodromes at Gontrode, St. Denis Westrem and in the Lys Valley and also on railway communications, with satisfactory results.

### SUCCESSFUL RAID.

London, Nov. 9.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

The East Yorkshires took twenty-one prisoners in a successful raid to the north of Ensenoy. Machine-gun fire inflicted many casualties on the garrison attempting to escape our artillery barrage. The enemy's support, attempting to advance, suffered heavily from machine-gun fire.

The enemy's artillery is active in the neighbourhood of Passchendaele.

### COMMERCIAL.

#### HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Messrs. Moxon and Taylor's Share Report for the week ended 9th November, states:—

Generally speaking our market has been very quiet for the past week, the only exception being Indo-China shares, which again have been the medium of a fair amount of business, as detailed below. This market is still governed by Sterling Exchange, which in spite of a continuous sag in Silver shows strength at 210, which is too high a rate to admit of free business in shares.

Shanghai is comatose.

Bankers—Hongkong Bank have relapsed to 840, at which there are sellers. The London rate is now about 255.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Cantons at 8300 are sellers. Unions are on offer at 8300. North-Chinas might be placed at 115. 115 ex dividend.

STANDARD.—Deferred Inds have moved up to 427 in London. This rise has been reflected in this market by renewed firmness. There is a widespread demand but very few shares seem available at current prices. Cash buyers are offering 114 with forward purchasers in evidence at equivalent rates. Douglases are quiet at 875. Steamboats are steady at 810 with no business reported.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have small buyers at 84. Malabars at 82 are in request.

QUATS AND MIXING.—Langkats are featureless. Banks at 84 are on sale. Tronohs at 28 and Uralis at 30 are nominal. Shells remain unchanged at 25-7-6 and Kallans at 40/- with no transactions.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Kowloon Wharves have been the medium of business at 885 and 886 for cash. Hongkong Docks are very steady at 1117 at which rate buyers prevail. Shanghai Docks have changed hands at 112. 72.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—West Point have changed hands at 890. Hongkong Lands are steady at 888. Hongkong Hotels might be placed at 890. Kowloon Lands at 830 have sellers whilst Humphreys at 85 are in demand.

CORROD MILLS.—The Northern market remains flat. The following are to-day's quotations:—

Excess 155.—Shanghai Cottons 114. Kung Yiks 115. Yangzeppos 115. 60; Oriental 115. 60.

ELECTRIC COMPANIES.—Hongkong Electric are firm at 848 with nothing doing. China Lights are for sale at 84. Hongkong Trams are quiet at 85. 85.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Watsons are 85 are on offer. Cements at 87.40 are without business. Providents are steady at 87 after a fall. Ices at 114 are nominal. Waterbats are featureless at 112. Dairy Farms are still wanted at 82 1/2 ex dividend. Steam Landries at 85 are in request. Ropes at 82 1/2 are quiet. Powells remain unchanged with sellers at 84.

REBBERZ.—Singapore cables as follows:—Malaka Rubber S.S. 80 10, Malakoffs 470, New Serendah 430, Badalia 1410, Ayer Panas 1250, Sungai Ragan 400—all sellers.

It will be observed that there is a slight improvement in several of the above stocks.

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#### V.M.C.A. DIVISION.

Tuesday, November 13th.—8 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.

Thursday, November 15th.—8 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.

#### BATYNGPOW DIVISION.

Wednesday, November 14th.—2 p.m. Band Practice.

Saturday, November 17th.—2 p.m. Band Practice.

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(Sd.) E. B. BARRIS, District Supl. in Charge of District.

### SPEEDING THE RED CROSS.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday. The Red Cross announces the creation of a transport service to handle the vast quantities of medical relief supplies going almost daily to the Allies. This service has been made possible through the co-operation of the French, British and Italian Governments.

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DEATH OF A BANK ACCOUNTANT AT PENANG.

The sudden and unexpected death of Mr. Horace Strong, accountant, Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., which took place at the General Hospital on Saturday night following an operation for appendicitis, will be received with poignant sorrow by a large circle of friends, says the *Strait Echo*. Deceased was apparently in good health on Saturday morning and in the evening he took the boys of St. George's choir for practice. Shortly after that he fell suddenly ill and was taken to the General Hospital for operation. He never recovered and passed away at 11 o'clock the same night. This deceased was 40 years of age and was a native of India. He was a very capable and efficient accountant and was a well-trained, energetic, and pleasant quality and was a great help to the bank.

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